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In re Application of:

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to the following. For convenience, all pending claims are listed.

1. (Unchanged) A system for imaging of a sample, comprising:
a plurality of detectors which are each focussed at a respective focal plane in a sample volume; and
light selection optics positioned between the plurality of detectors and the sample volume, the light selection optics for transmitting to the detectors a portion of light originating at the respective focal planes while screening out light which originates from outside of the respective focal planes.

2. (Unchanged) The system of claim 1, wherein the light selection optics includes a plurality of ON regions and OFF regions, the ON regions transmitting the light from the respective focal planes and the OFF regions blocking the light from the respective focal planes.